

A METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMIC POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE  
ADJUSTMENT FOR A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT  
DEVICE

5    ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

          A processor power supply voltage controller for throttling a processor's  
(e.g., CPU, GPU, DSP) power supply voltage with respect to a temperature.  
The controller includes a temperature sensor configured to sense a  
temperature of a processor and generate a temperature signal in accordance  
10    therewith. A regulator is coupled to the processor to provide a power supply  
voltage to the processor. The regulator is also coupled to receive the  
temperature signal from the temperature sensor and control the power supply  
voltage in accordance with the temperature signal to maintain a stable  
performance of the processor. The temperature sensor can be implemented as  
15    a negative temperature coefficient resistor coupled to sense the thermal  
environment of the processor (e.g., heat sink temperature, processor die  
temperature, PCB temperature, ambient temperature in an enclosure, etc.).  
The temperature signal can be implemented by using the temperature sensor  
to control a feedback circuit coupled to the regulator.

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